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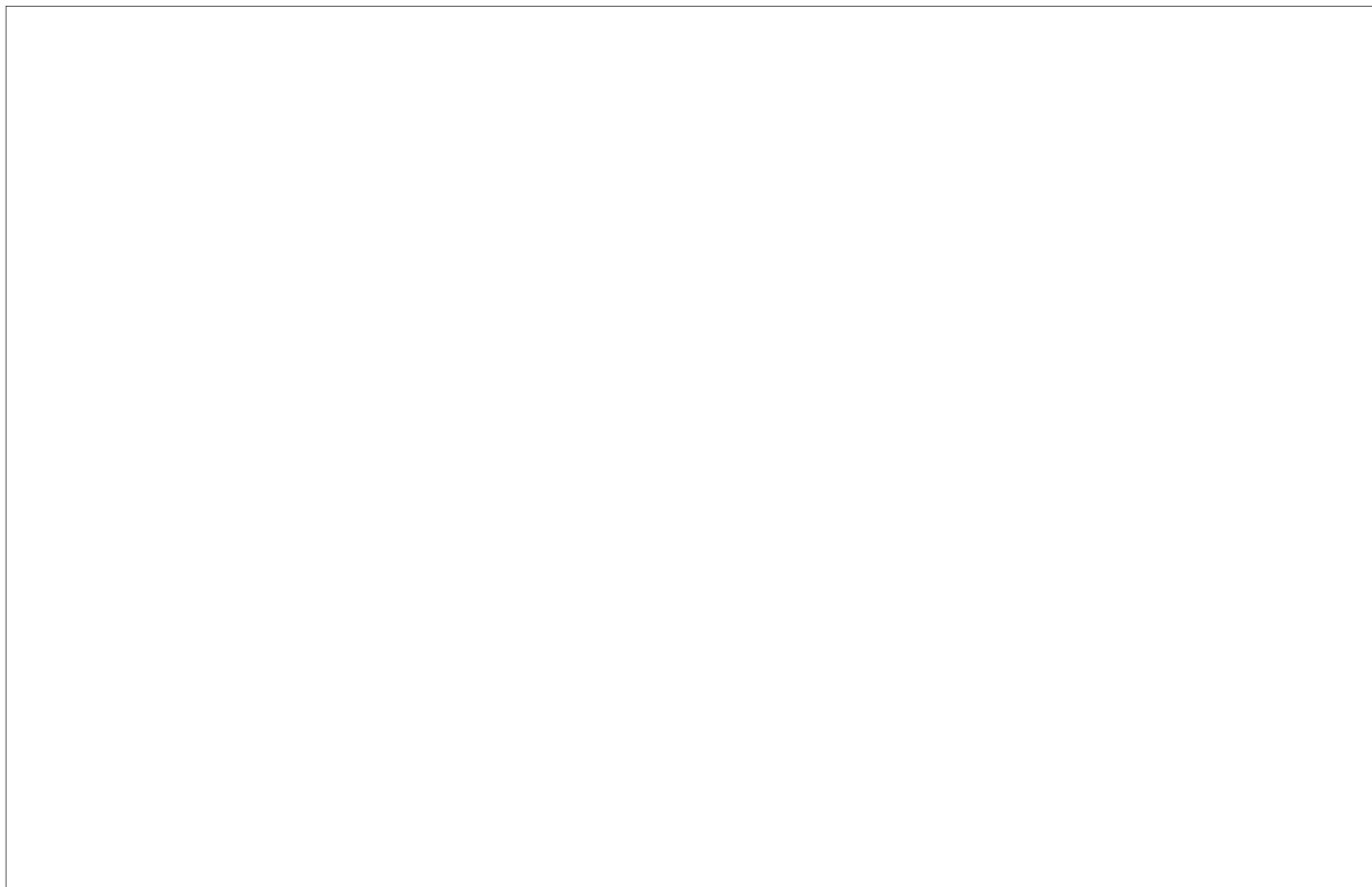


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[redacted] of ORR and I visited Mr. Naughton and a Mr. Francis McLaughlin of the Committee staff today. After hearing some detail as to the nature of the information requested, [redacted] explained that the material desired by the Committee was largely available in published documents of one kind or another, and he agreed to furnish the staff with a list of certain published documents which might be helpful to them. It subsequently appeared that the Committee staff has been trying to get information from various Government agencies on the cargo and destination of a list of ships, including ONI, over a period of weeks and that they have had no particular success in getting this information. It became clear during our conversation that the Committee staff was approaching CIA as a last resort to get information they had previously been unable to obtain from other agencies. [redacted] informed

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the staff that ONI was the proper agency to handle a request of the type they had made, and indicated that we had no special facilities for obtaining information of this sort. I indicated that we were in no position to try to dissuade the Chairman of the Subcommittee from making a request to this or any other agency, but I gave the staff no reason to assume that anything productive would result. The Director will presumably receive a letter from Chairman Fountain of the Committee in the near future. [REDACTED]

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3. Talked to Hart Perry of the Bureau of the Budget about the status of Bureau consideration of our career legislation proposals. Perry confirmed that with the receipt of a memorandum forwarded two days ago to Lyman Hamilton on the subject of [REDACTED] the Bureau had all it required in order to make its final review. I impressed upon Perry the urgency of quick action and we agreed that if the Bureau did not call us within a week we should request a meeting with them.

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